



The District's Connection to Nature





Key Directions in Climate and Biodiversity





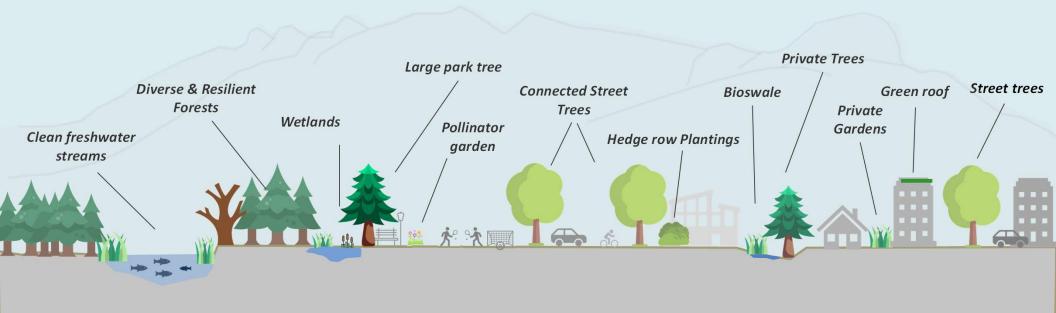
The Importance of Healthy Ecosystems

- District Natural Areas are Under Stress
- Biodiversity is crucial to community resilience





Protecting Biodiversity and Species at Risk



Natural Area Parks

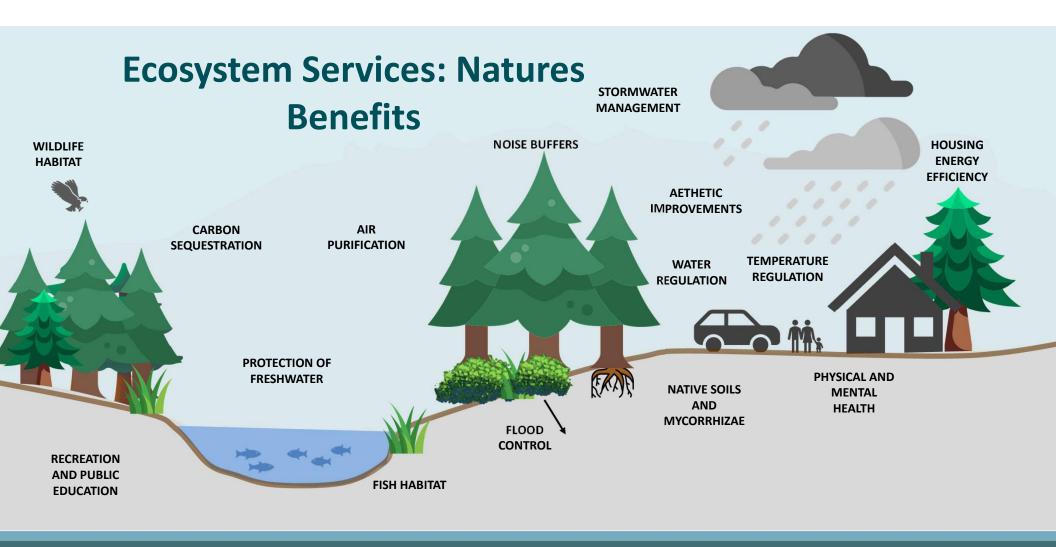
Urban Parks

Streetscape

Residential

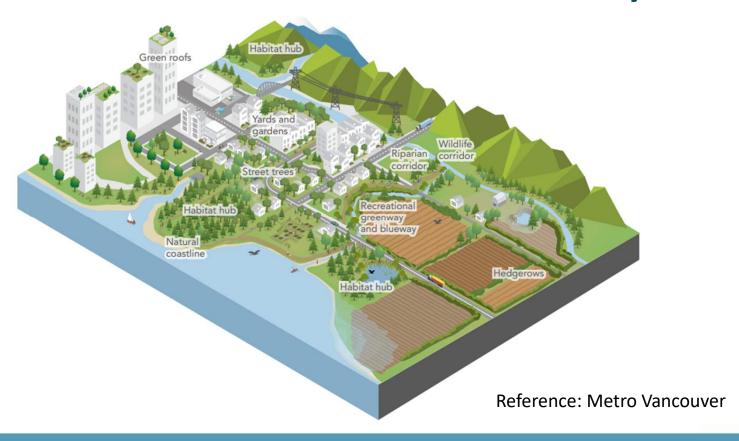
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Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity





The Role of Local Government

- Land Use and Urban Planning
- Licensing and Regulation
- Facilitation, Advocacy and Leadership
- Community Service Delivery
- Corporate leadership





Alignment with Broader Policy Context





Strategy Development Process



Initiate

Start planning process, define scope/goals, and identify stakeholders

Assess

Identify current state and future impacts

Plan

Integrate goals, objectives and actions into existing program areas

Implement

Deliver on action items in the biodiversity plan

Monitor

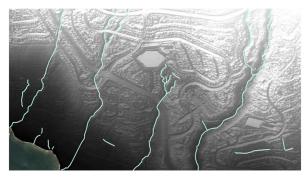
Collect and analyze information and identify how to improve actions



The Role of Technology in the Biodiversity Strategy











Proposed - 5 Policy Themes

- 1. Protection
- 2. Connecting
- 3. Enhancing
- 4. Understanding
- 5. Education





Theme 1: Addressing Biodiversity Threats

- Address threats
- Mitigate Impacts
- Development and Policy
- Park Management





Theme 2: Connecting

Priorities: Protect habitat

linkages

Goal: Resilient, connected landscape for biodiversity and urban sustainability





Theme 3: Enhancing Habitat Quality

- •Tailored
 Recommendations for different land uses
- Climate-Resilient Planting
- Wildlife Support in urban parks
- •Smaller-Scale
 Opportunities to enhance ecological function





Theme 4: Monitoring & Understanding Ecosystems

- Improved Understanding:

 Focus on ecosystems, habitat
 features, and species in the
 District
- Monitoring Program: Track habitat integrity and distribution over time
- Indicator Species: Use key species to detect changes in biodiversity
- Technology Tools: Monitor habitat loss and gain across the District





Theme 5: Engaging the Community in Biodiversity Stewardship

- •Boost Education and Engagement: Promote wildlife and natural areas for health and well-being
- •Stewardship and Incentives: Expand stewardship programs and encourage habitat features (ponds, nest boxes, green roofs/walls)





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Thank you! Questions?

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